

Paramedic Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2012

**PRESENT**

Chief Daryl McNutt  
Chief Jeff Kowalski  
Chief Barry Cousino  
Captain Allison Armstrong  
Lt. Mark Benadaum  
Tony Santiago  
Rod Standiford  
Brian Dotson  
Chad Premo  
Dr. Daniel Schwerin  
Dr. Greg Hymel  
Nicole Knepper

**REPRESENTING**

Whitehouse Fire  
Sylvania Twp. Fire  
Springfield Twp. Fire  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau  
Toledo Fire – LS4  
Sylvania Twp. Fire – LS6  
Whitehouse Fire – LS9  
ProMedica  
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital/TFD  
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital  
MSCH

**STAFF**

Dennis Cole  
David Lindstrom, M.D.  
Brent Parquette  
Pat Moomey  
Mike Ramm

Emergency Services Director  
Medical Director  
QA/QI  
Communications Manager  
CE Program Administrator

**ABSENT**

Chief Charles Flack

Toledo Fire – LS1  
Toledo Fire – LS2  
Toledo Fire - LS3  
Toledo Fire – LS5  
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chief McNutt

**Minute Approval**

The minutes from March 12, 2012 meeting were available for review. Chief Jeff Kowalski made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Brian Dotson. The minutes were approved as written.

**Training**

Brent reported CE comments from March for anyone to look at. Brent said the topic for February was more on pediatric emergencies and OB with skill stations. April's CE topic is Medical Emergencies with case reviews, which is going well. May's CE will have the temperature probe training for the LifePak 15 along with the protocol policy regarding the narcotics.

## **QA**

Dr. Lindstrom commented he had nothing to report.

## **Old Business**

New Equipment – Brent reported he is looking at a couple of items for the paramedics to use. The first one is a new ventilating bag called “Smart Bag”. This device controls the amount of air pushed into the patient. The concern with the bag is that it is double the price of the current one. Also it was noted at the Medical Committee research should be done to check to see if it is a better bag. The second item being looked at are disposable CIDs opposed to towel rolls. Dennis said we will move forward.

Chad Premo reported the Ohio Department of Transportation requires ambulances to have licensed CID rolls.

Dr. Schwerin reported JEMS magazine has an article on the “Smart Bag”.

Dr. Lindstrom reported LCEMS took delivery of Dilaudid. The drug is not out on the street yet. Dr. Lindstrom reported they are working on a policy/protocol procedure for the chain of the medication from the time of purchase to its use. Dr. Lindstrom said he will be reviewing the process with the different departments.

Dr. Lindstrom reported Dr. Carol Cunningham gave a report at the RPAB. Dr. Lindstrom reported the DEA will give verbal answers, but nothing in writing.

Dr. Lindstrom noted another issue discussed was paramedics answering the orange phone at the hospital for Med Control. Dr. Cunningham feels it’s appropriate. Dr. Lindstrom said the representative from the State Office, Ellen Owens, thinks it’s outside of the scope of practice. The reason this was brought up was a local hospital was asking. Dr. Daniel Schwerin is looking at base station training for in the future.

## **New Business**

Allison asked about life squads being dispatched Code 3 for violent situations and they stay away where life squads are sent Code 2 to standby for fires.

## **Open Discussion**

Rod Standiford asked Dennis if he received the video of the truck because it still an ongoing problem with it smoking.

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**Next Meeting and Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, **May 14<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m.